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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled: rpoB Gene Fragments and a Method for the Diagnosis and Identification of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis and Non-Tuberculosis Mycobacterial Strains

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the application comprising:

- a. A specification containing:
 - (i) 28 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - (ii) 1 page of claims (5 claims);
 - (iii) a one (1) page abstract;
 - b. 10 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1a-7c);
2. Submission of Sequence Listing Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(a);
 3. 8 pages of Sequence Listing and electronic copy on diskette (in PatentIn format);
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